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Practical suggestions—what and when to plant, prune and spray—and seasonable offerings of the many varieties of Trees, Hardy Flowers, Hardy Shrubs, grown and distributed by the DeKalb Nurseries.

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During the month of April the weather has been perfectly ideal for planting, cool and enough rain every now and then to settle the ground and thus beautifying all newly planted trees and shrubs.

It has been a very trying time to deliver orders on time, and it has been impossible to furnish men to go out and plant all orders, this is a condition that is becoming more difficult each season, and I wondered often if it would not be possible for those who buy trees to have them planted themselves, it would greatly reduce expenses if we did not have to do this work.

A tree that you plant, or have planted by your own supervision will always have a certain amount of special interest, and will give you a good deal more pleasure and satisfaction than when some one else did it.

Have you ever planted something and experienced the thrill of seeing it grow? Isn't it a treat to succeed in raising something where nothing grew before?

There are many busy men and women that I know that are really successful in raising fine trees and flowers, just because of the personal attention they give to the planting and afterward the personal attention they give to make or help them grow.

It is a fine art indeed to build a beautiful house or paint a beautiful picture. It is equally fine to enhance the beauty of your home grounds by planting something your very own self.

Have you ever tried it? Be sure any thing you plant, whether it be a tree or a flowering shrub, is adding to the beauty of your grounds, be it on the lawn or in the garden.

It seems to me that in this busy age one ought to keep close to nature. Do something that will occupy the mind as well as the hands with the creatures that grow out doors, the flowers that bloom, the trees that grow. It pays in many ways; it's exhilarating work; it helps one to think and think good wholesome thoughts.

It is very inspiring to become part of the out-of-doors and to regard with interest the things that grow. The very busiest men are very often the best gardeners, because their garden is to them the place where they get relaxation and wholesome pleasures, and incidentally rest from business worries and cares.

It is a fine art to be a gardener, and it is a good sign to be master of your own garden. A garden is a necessity to a noble and active mind, because no matter how one feels, there is in a garden esthetic food to feast upon at all times.

Beginning in spring 'till the autumn one can have a procession of flowers as cheery and entertaining as one could wish for. A hundred kinds of flowers may be sown from seed and in a few weeks they will begin to bloom in color of every shade to gladden the hearts of all who may see them.

May is a record month for flowers, watch them, take time to go about to see your own, your neighbors, and go to the country, see the apples in bloom, the peaches; everywhere you will be able to take mental photographs that will impress you with the charm of the out-of-doors.

Incidentally, you will find that you are looking at the most beautiful country in the world. There is no section in the United States so rich in beautiful gardens, big or small, as is the country around Philadelphia. There is no part of the country so rich in varieties of plants, trees and shrubbery as are growing around the city of Philadelphia.

Philadelphia should and ought to be called the Garden City or the Flower City. No other city can boast of so many fine, beautiful gardens, nor can any other city boast of having so many different kinds of trees and flowers. Have you ever realized this? It is all true, and we may justly be proud of it.

Now during the month of May be sure to clean up the home grounds, not only the front lawn, but the back yard as well. Do it because of a civic pride. The finest example to clean up a town is to clean up your own place. It is an individual job, this town-wide or community-wide cleaning up. I am certain this spirit called civic pride here has attained its highest perfection, but one must keep going on and on and never stop.

If you are thinking along this line may I ask you to write and tell me if you believe these remarks to be correct? I learn by suggestion and criticisms, and I confess the whole subject is to me as interesting and new as it was thirty years ago when I first started in this work. In that time there has been a tremendous progress made by individuals, by communities and many towns like many private places are known because of the fine gardens and the flowers they raise.

Fine, is it not? Some call it progress, some call it civilization, some call it art. I can not decide by what single word it may be named. It just seems to me that we are growing better and learning to appreciate flowers and trees that are willing to be appreciated.

During this month all kinds of plants may be set out without any exception. Bulbs, Roots, Tubers, Seeds, Potted Plants, Evergreens, Roses, even Flowering Shrubs, although they be in bloom. Hedges are safely set out this month, and soon as the hedge makes a new growth begin to shear them and keep them in shape. Remember the only kind of hedge that is pretty is the one that is kept prim and tidy.

We still have a supply of Roses, 2-year-old field grown plants, good bloomers and they will bloom this summer if set out in May. The price is One Dollar each.

We also have many kinds of Hardy Perennials that may be planted out now at 35 cents each.

Please come and see our field of Iris, they should be in bloom the latter part of May. They will be unusually fine this spring.

Our collection of Paeonies are the best we ever had. They may be in bloom about the same time, and we have over 50 varieties. They are a wonderful show when in bloom.

Two years ago they were all out by Decoration Day. Last year they were a week later. To see a whole field of Paeonies or a field of Iris in bloom is a sight, and I wish every reader of the Bulletin and friends would come and see this out-door Flower show.

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Yours sincerely,

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